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TO: Directors of State Agencies, Boards, Baccalaureate Institutions, Commissions, and Councils

FROM: Gary Locke, Governor 

SUBJECT: Letter of Promulgation - 2002 Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

With this notice, I am pleased to officially promulgate the *2002 Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* (CEMP). One of a family of plans published by the Washington Military Department's Emergency Management Division, the CEMP is the framework for statewide mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Its intent is to provide a structure for standardizing plans statewide and to facilitate interoperability between local, state, and federal governments.

Every effort has been made to ensure that it is compatible with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 38.52. Its format supports the Federal Response Plan. It specifies the authorities, functions, and responsibilities that pertain to establishing collaborative action plans between local, state, tribal, federal. Volunteer, public, and private sector organizations. It also contains detailed information on participant Emergency Support Functions, also known as single function activities. By coordinating all phases of emergency management, the plan will help minimize the impacts of disasters and other emergencies in Washington. I believe it will be a significant tool for saving lives, protecting property, sustaining the economy, and preserving the environment.

Finally, it is a reminder to directors of state agencies, boards, baccalaureate institutions, commissions, and councils of their two primary goals in emergency management: to support local jurisdictions through the state Emergency Operations Center, and to maintain a comprehensive internal process for conducting daily business before, during, and after a catastrophic event.

Thank you for your involvement in this worthwhile endeavor.

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